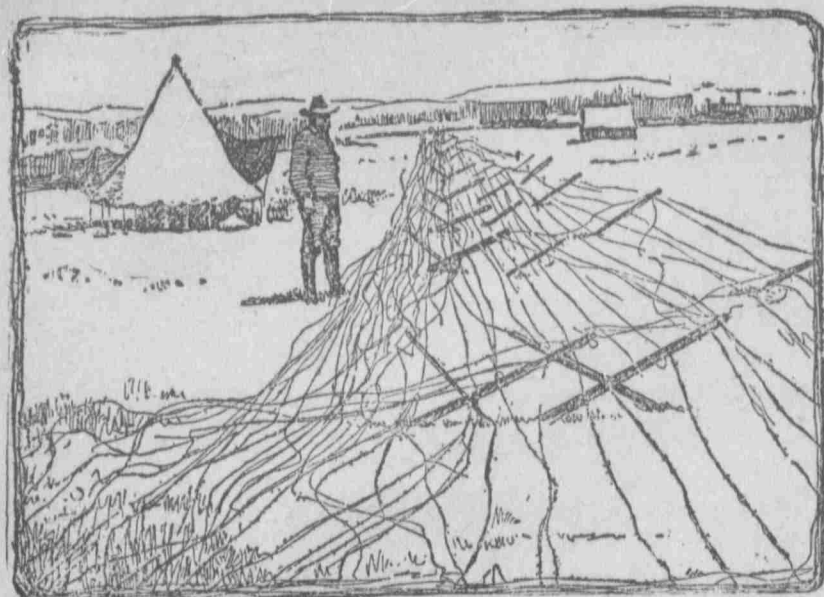


BARBED WIRE IN WARFARE.



SPIKED WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS PLACED AROUND CHIEVELEY STATION IN SOUTH AFRICA AS PART OF THE BRITISH DEFENSES.

The Blossburg "Gusher"

Greatest Oil Strike on Record.
PENNSYLVANIA'S NEW KLONDIKE.

A RIVER of oil has created a second Klondike in Pennsylvania. It has made a city of a mountainside hitherto sacred to rattlesnakes. It has added millions to the real estate values and made heiresses of poor farmers' daughters for many a mile around. Most important of all, it has proved that the geologists were wrong when they decided, years ago, that oil would never be tapped east of the Alleghany watershed, and it suggests the possibility of the world's oil market being flooded to such a degree as to bring prices down to next to nothing—that is, if Mr. Rockefeller were not here to keep them up and put the difference in his pocket. Such, in brief, are the facts concerning the Blossburg Oil Company's well, the source of a river which is jealously caught and imprisoned as it gushes from the earth, because every gallon of it is worth money. It is pouring out wealth at the rate of \$365,000 a year—a thousand dollars a day—and it represents only the beginning of what may be expected of a region where land is ten thousand times more valuable to-day than it was before the oil discoveries. This last is a literal fact. If the

mountainside had been offered at auction before a drill had been sunk it would not have fetched ten cents an acre. Now there is not an acre that would not sell for \$1000, with a mob of bidders fighting for precedence. Pine Creek, the most famous trout stream in Pennsylvania, is the centre of this oil rush, which rivals the gold rush of Cape Nome. The big well—there are many smaller ones around it, and more are being sunk every day—is three-quarters of a mile southeast of Gaines, Tioga County. It penetrates the rock for 654 feet near the edge of a bluff that rises 120 feet from the bed of Pine Creek. There was a time when the hills for miles in every direction were covered with the finest pines in Pennsylvania. But the creek has floated out billions of feet of timber, and now the region is a desolate one of stumps and brambles, repellent alike to the agriculturist and the artist.

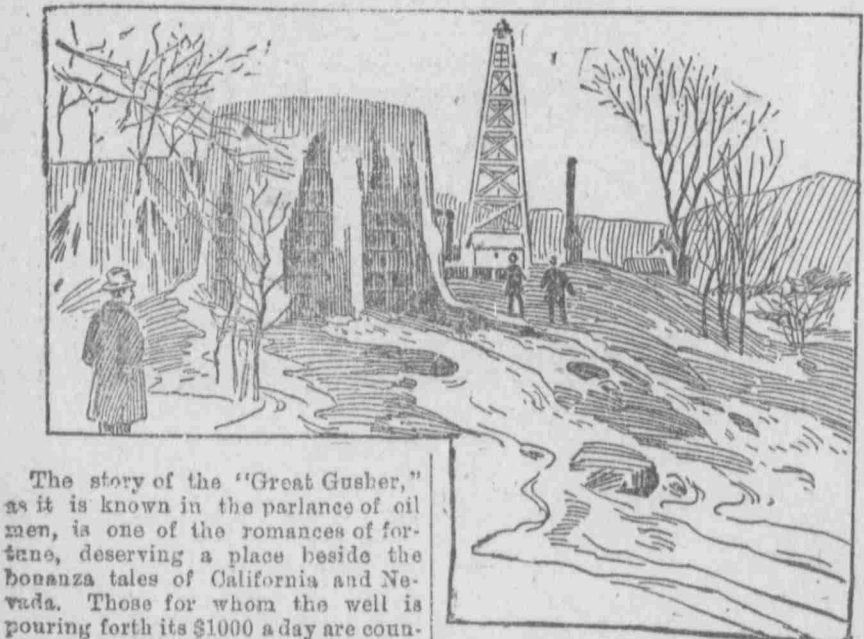


DELANVAN AYLESWORTH. JOHN AYLESWORTH. (The brothers who have struck oil.)

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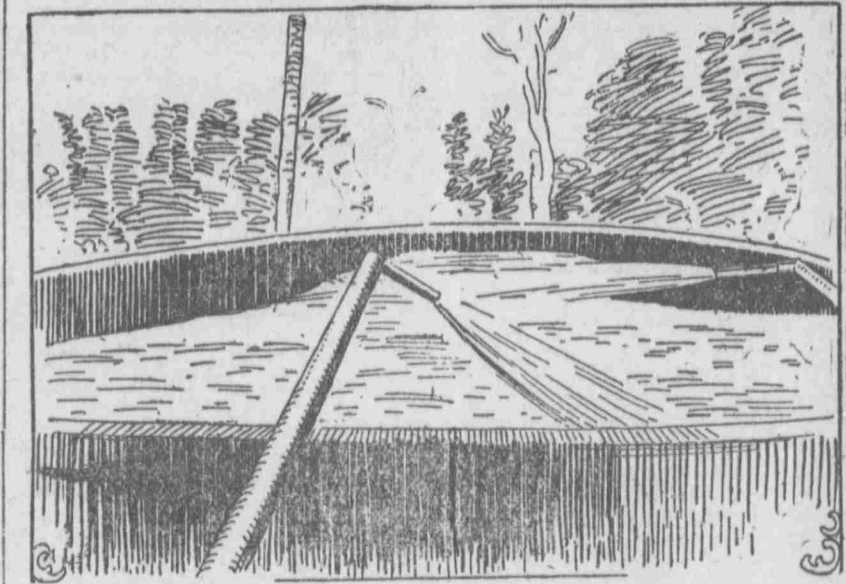
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UNABLE TO CONTROL THE FLOW OF OIL.

The story of the "Great Gusher," as it is known in the parlance of oil men, is one of the romances of fortune, deserving a place beside the bonanza tales of California and Nevada. Those for whom the well is pouring forth its \$1000 a day are country merchants and professional men, formerly of moderate means, none of whom knew anything about the oil business. They are former Senator Walter Merrick, John Aylesworth, Del. Aylesworth, William Aylesworth, Dr. D. O. Merrick, George Clark, J. D. Connors, W. S. Scott, Mark Davis, W. H. McCarty, A. E. Botchford, H. R. Whittaker, F. H. Stratton, W. C. Babcock, F. L. Jones and W. A. Rob-

The company is not incorporated and business is carried on as a partnership. The drilling of the Great Gusher was a forlorn hope. The company had already drilled one well on its lease of 155 acres and had found the sand as dry as powder. Under the lease a forfeit would have to be paid if two wells were not sunk. The forfeit would amount to about the same loss as the drilling of a well.



OIL FLOWING INTO TANK FROM THE BLOSSBURG "GUSHER."

With the slenderest shadow of a hope—merely, in gambling parlance, to "have a run for their money"—the partners decided in favor of the well. In selecting the bluff near the upper end of the property they disregarded the advice of experienced oil prospectors. To drill there was pronounced an act of folly.

To emphasize the hopelessness of the case work was begun on Good Friday, April 13. Any gambler would have laid big odds against such an unhappy combination.

For ten days the drill burrowed its way through varying strata. On Monday, April 23, it gnawed slowly for an hour through a hard formation more than an eighth of a mile below the surface.

"She's struck sand!" shouted the driller.

It was only that the drill had dropped into a softer formation—and the sand was likely to be as barren as Coney Island's—but force of habit impelled this cautious man to connect the well with the storage tank provided to save the first rush of oil.

He was just in time. Before the tools could be withdrawn from the hole a yellow torrent gushed forth and filled the tank with a roaring and a splashing that sang of millions.

"She's struck oil!" was the shout; and it echoed down the valley and beyond, till at every farmer's door and on into the cities were echoed the magic words, "Struck oil!"

Every telegraph wire in the land flashed the story of the Blossburg Oil Company's Great Gusher, and capitalists began to speculate on the strange developments that might follow the discovery of a subterranean petroleum lake east of the Alleghenies.

As for the Great Gusher, it spouted forth 2200 barrels the first day and 2500 the second day.

Before noon on the third day it had

week days and Sundays, with no sign of weariness.

It is the greatest well known to the northern oil fields since 1832, when the Cherry Grove field, in Warren County, Penn., made the world ring with tales of sudden fortune.

Cherry Grove knocked the bottom out of oil prices and ruined thousands of men engaged in the oil business elsewhere. Blossburg may do the same thing if it proves to be over a big lake of oil and not merely a small pool, as was the case with Cherry Grove, which exhausted itself in a year.

This important question can be settled only when test wells have been sunk for miles around, and from the way speculators are rushing into the Pine Creek region doubts must soon be dispelled.

The Blossburg property is being honey-combed with drills. A well near the Great Gusher is yielding 540 barrels a day, and another is productive in a smaller degree.

Just what kind of sand the oil comes from no one knows. As soon as the tools pierced the shell the well flowed and no sand was bailed out. Whether there is ten feet of it or fifty, whether it is brown, white or gray, no one knows as yet. The company has been kept too busy caring for the oil to worry about the color or thickness of the sand in which it has been stored up.

The little town of Gaines has acquired some of the character of a Western mining camp. The hotel has been overflowing for three weeks and the proprietor has secured every vacant

room in town for his guests. The telegraph and telephone have become metropolitan in their activity. Keen men with large bank accounts roam everywhere, snapping up speculative chances. Their talk is all of barrels and dollars, leases and wells, drills and pipe lines.

The Standard Oil Company, alive to the great possibilities of the new field, is laying a four-inch pipe line across the mountain to connect with their main pipe line twenty miles away.

On the lighter side of human nature at the Pine Creek rush are ranged the clairvoyants and hazel twig magicians who infest new oil fields. One of these "oil smellers" will sell out his occult gifts as a prospector for from \$10 to \$150, according to the means and credulity of his client.

Some of the individual cases of sudden fortunes are full of interest.

Joseph Bernauer was a poor man two years ago. His little farm on the bank of Pine Creek yielded him a living and that was all. He peddled milk every morning and evening to the housewives of Gaines.

His farm proved to be right on the oil belt and his income from royalties is now over \$500 a month.

This discovery has made a group of country storekeepers and small farmers rich in a trice. Men whose total worldly possessions were worth perhaps \$500 have been offered \$125,000 for their rights in this gusher.

How to Live a Century.

Dr. D. K. Pearsons, of Hinsdale, Ill., a millionaire who is making his business to give away his money to enterprising colleges in the West, recently made some very interesting statements in explanation of his condition of hearty and hopeful health at the age of eighty years. He says he expects to live until he is a hundred, and his rules of life are worth considering.

"Most men dig their graves with their teeth," he said. "My stomach is my friend and I'm happier than any other man on earth." He says the man who wants to live to a ripe old age should keep cool, not overindulge the stomach, breathe pure air and lots of it, eat a vegetable diet, not eat late suppers, go to bed early, not fret, not go where he'll get excited, and not forget to take a nap after dinner. Though he is a doctor himself, he threw all his medicine away years ago, and he says he does not know what an ache or pain is. He takes regular delight in his gifts to colleges, but will not allow anyone to make a hero of him, as he hates excitement. He says a man must "keep cool" if he wants to live a hundred years. "It's the worst thing in the world," he maintains, "to get angry or cross." He gets up at 6, eats a light breakfast, works till noon, eats a vegetable and fruit dinner, without tea or coffee, takes it easy the rest of the day and goes to bed at 8. He says he does not want to die till he has given away all his money.

Even the rich girl may have a poor complexion.

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RELIABLE DAIRYMEN.

DIRECTORY OF LEGITIMATE DEALERS.

The following dairymen are known to the Editor of the CITIZEN as reliable producers, who own their herds of cattle and deliver their own product. There are no milk hucksters in this list.

BENNING FARM DAIRY,

J. P. REILLY, Proprietor.
Benning, D. C.
Established 1892. Pure milk right from the farm served in sealed jars twice a day. Customers are invited to inspect my dairy at their pleasure.

HILLOCK DAIRY,

JOHN BERGLING, Proprietor.
Mt. Olivet Road, D. C.
Established 1894. Pure milk served to my customers fresh from the dairy every morning.

Chey Chase Farm Dairy,

GEO. A. WISE, Proprietor.
Chevy Chase, Maryland.
Established 1881. I try to serve the very best quality of milk it is possible for a man to produce. My herd and dairy farm are open to inspection at all times.

AGER'S FARM DAIRY,

J. B. AGER, Proprietor.
Hyattsville, Maryland.
Established 1879. I have a herd of thirty-five cattle—mostly Jersey's—and deliver whole milk fresh from the farm every morning.

GUDE'S DAIRY,

ALEX. GUDE, Proprietor.
Hyattsville, Maryland.
Established 1884. Pure milk delivered fresh from the farm every morning. My dairy and herd will always bear inspection.

OAK GROVE DAIRY,

D. MCCARTHY, Proprietor.
Bladensburg Road, D. C.
Established 1895. Fresh milk delivered direct from my dairy farm every morning. Two deliveries a day contemplated soon.

St. John's Park Dairy,

Mary Harriet Hatcher, Prop.
Brookland, D. C.
Established 1890. Pure milk delivered every morning. We invite an inspection of our place at all times. Milk for children a specialty.

CHEY CHASE DAIRY,

H. G. CARROLL, Proprietor.
Chevy Chase, Maryland.
Established 1897. Fresh milk direct from the farm served to customers every morning. An examination of my premises invited at all times.

BURLEIGH DAIRY,

JOHN HORMIGAN, Proprietor.
3601 O Street N. W.
Established 1890. Dairy farm on New Cut Road or T street extended. Pure milk from my own cattle. Two deliveries daily. Prompt service.

CEDAR GLEN DAIRY,

P. H. HORN, Proprietor.
Benning, D. C.
Established 1890. Milk delivered twice a day in Washington. Special attention paid to milk for babies.

GRAND VIEW DAIRY,

JOHN S. ORRISON, Proprietor.
Takoma Park, D. C.

Established 1885. The quality of milk I serve is gaining me new customers every day. My place will always bear inspection.

RUPPERT FARM DAIRY,

J. O'KEEFE, Proprietor.
Brightwood Avenue, D. C.
Established 1890. I own my own herd of cattle and make two deliveries a day. My dairy plant and milk will always bear inspection.

BRIGHTWOOD DAIRY,

MRS. C. ROBINSON, Proprietor.
Brightwood, D. C.
Established 1886. We deliver morning's milk only every morning. Our night's milk is all sold to dealers.

GRANBY FARM DAIRY,

BARRETT BROS., Proprietors.
Bunker Hill Road, Maryland.
Pure milk and cream, delivered to any part of the city. Prompt delivery. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Sligo Mill Road Dairy,

ISAIAH KREGLO, Proprietor.
Woodburn, D. C.
(P. O. Address, Mt. Pleasant, D. C.)
Established 1893. I serve pure milk right straight from the farm every morning. An inspection of my methods and dairy solicited.

JERSEY DAIRY,

D. ALLMAN, Jr., Proprietor.
2111 Benning Road.
Established in 1883. The present proprietor was born and brought up in the business. Has a herd of 25 Jersey cattle. Two deliveries a day throughout the city.

Crystal Spring Dairy,

HUGH McMAHON, Proprietor.
Brightwood, D. C.
Established 1888. I have Jersey cows only and serve the very best milk I can produce. If you want to see a fine herd of cattle, come and see mine.

HOYLE'S FARM DAIRY,

MRS. A. J. HOYLE, Proprietor.
Congress Heights, D. C.
Established 1890. We serve first-class milk all bottled on the farm. Dairy always open to inspection.

Buena Vista Dairy,

O. A. LANDON, Proprietor.
Sultland Road, near Sultland, Md.
Established in 1880. I am on the farm with fifty head of cattle and deliver only pure milk that will always bear inspection.

SUITLAND DAIRY,

R. L. HILL, Proprietor.
Suitland, Maryland.
Established 1890. Pure milk straight from the farm delivered every morning. Milk for Babies and Children a specialty.

CHILLUM FARM DAIRY,

WM. McKAY, Proprietor.
Woodburn, (Terra Cotta), D. C.
Established 1880. I serve pure milk right from the farm every morning. I think the best is none too good for my customers.

Douglas Place Farm Dairy

EDW. MARKHAM, Proprietor.
Douglas Place, Benning Road, D. C.
Established 1893. I spare neither pains nor expense in trying to produce milk that is A No. 1 in quality. Plant always open to inspection.

TERRELL'S DAIRY,

F. TERRELL, Proprietor.
Arlington, Virginia.
Established 1891. I serve pure milk straight from the farm every morning. My milk with stand the test every time.

Glen Ellen Farm Dairy,

GEO. T. KNOTT, Proprietor.
Conduit Road, D. C.
Established 1889. Milk from my dairy is guaranteed to be both clean and pure. I always solicit the closest inspection.

GREEN HILL DAIRY,

W. B. WILLIAMS, Proprietor.
Riggs Farm, Maryland.
(P. O. Address, Chillum, Md.)
Established 1894. I serve pure milk straight from the old established Riggs Farm every morning. Come out and inspect the place at any time.

PAYNE'S FARM DAIRY,

M. J. PAYNE, Proprietor.
Bladensburg, Maryland.
Established 1890. It is my aim to serve my customers with the very best quality of milk. I invite an inspection at any time.

PALISADES DAIRY,

W. L. MALONE, Proprietor.
Conduit Road, D. C.
Established 1893. Pure milk and cream served in any part of the city every morning. All orders by mail promptly attended to.

Baden-Powell a Major-General.

The Queen has approved of the promotion of Colonel Baden-Powell to be a Major-General for his brilliant defense of Mafeking.

The Labor World.

Strikes have interfered with building operations in the Northwest.

In 1898 1550 men and 15,100 women were employed by the tobacco producers of France.

Organized labor in Kansas City has decided to boycott all who patronized the street-car lines until after the strike was settled.

A profit-sharing firm at Evansville, Ind., recently distributed amongst its employees a sum of money equal to sixty per cent of their wages.

The dispute in the potteries trade in England now involves 20,000 men, many of whom belong to no union and are therefore dependent upon charity.

WORKING MEN.....

cannot afford to lose any time. Sick or well, they have to go to work early in the morning and often get home late. The loss of a single day means a thinner envelope on pay day and perhaps extra family privation. The confinement and bad ventilation of the workroom, together with the cold dinners many of them are obliged to eat, have a bad effect on the physical system and lead on to ill health.

Ripans Tabules are just what working men need. They keep the stomach in good condition and help digest the food; they keep the bowels open, and the liver active. No man is too poor to use them, for ten of the Tabules (enough to last several days) cost only five cents at any drug store.

WANTED—A case of bad health that RIPPANS will not benefit. They banish pain and prolong life. RIPPANS, if for 5 cents, may be had at any drug store. Ten samples and one thousand testimonials will be mailed to any address for 5 cents, forwarded to the Ripans Chemical Co., No. 10 Spruce St., New York.

